

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 222 - HB 233**

February 9, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates a Class A misdemeanor for possessing, owning, buying, selling, transferring, or manufacturing animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent that such paraphernalia be used in the promoting, facilitating, training for, or furthering animal fighting or baiting.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- This legislation defines animal fighting paraphernalia as equipment, products, implements, and materials of and kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in the training, preparation, conditioning, or furtherance of animal fighting including, but not limited to, breaking sticks, cat mills, jennies, treadmills, fighting pits, spring poles, flirt poles, unprescribed veterinary medicine, gaffs, slashers, heels, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in a place of the natural spur of a cock or game fowl.
- Any cost to local jail systems resulting from possible convictions under this legislation is estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of misdemeanor prosecutions for the state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- The courts, district attorneys, and public defenders will not experience a significant increase in caseloads; therefore, any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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